

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Eau Claire County Board Room

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council Vice President/Acting President Werthmann called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. Council Members absent: David Strobel and Michael Xiong.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Strobel entered Council Chambers.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, September 25, 2018:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the American Cancer Society, Inc. to conduct the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Eau Claire Event on Saturday, October 13, 2018, on the street in front of the Pablo Center (Graham Avenue), and with a walk along city trails and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Change of Agent for a Combination Class B Intoxicated Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Half Moon Management Inc., d/b/a Betty's Half Moon Saloon, 1920 S. Hastings Way, from Cameron Grogan to Cory LaRochelle be approved.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to St. Olaf Parish, Rev. James R. Kurzynski, at 3220 Monroe Street, for a St. Olaf Men's Club Fish Fry event for the dates of October 5, November 2 and December 7, 2018.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Chippewa Valley Roller Derby, Ltd, Jenna Vande Zande, President, at 3456 Craig Road, for a Roller Derby event for the dates of October 20 and December 8, 2018.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Chamber Education Foundation, Mark Faanes, President, on October 16, 2018, at 3456 Craig Road, for the Business Expo & Job Fair.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Wine License to Chippewa Valley Technical College, Ramona Mathews, President, on September 25, 2018, at 620 W. Clairemont Avenue, for a Culinary event.
- Approving a permanent expansion of the Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Fat's Chance, Inc., d/b/a Big T's Saloon, 2007 Third Street for a 5' x 21' expansion onto the outdoor patio already existing.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Shift Collective, LLC, d/b/a Shift Cyclery & Coffee Shop, 615 Graham Avenue, Sean Brandenburg, Agent.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

Vice President Werthmann read a proclamation proclaiming the week of October 7 – 13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week, and urging everyone in Eau Claire to heed the important messages of Fire Prevention Week 2018 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Eau Claire Fire and Rescue.

LICENSES

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class B Cabaret license to Chippewa Valley Technical College, d/b/a 620 West, 620 W. Clairemont Ave., Kevin Brown, Agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to MEK Crafts, LLC, d/b/a Board & Brush – Eau Claire, 1402 S. Hastings Way, Erin Klanderman, Agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to postpone” to the October 9, 2018 Council Meeting. Said motion to postpone passed by unanimous vote.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The City Council considered a resolution changing the meeting location of the 2018 and 2019 Board of Review. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to fund the replacement of eligible public transit buses under the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINAL PLAT

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Sunny Ridge, located on the south side of County Road E, west of Kane Road in the Town of Union (File P-8-18). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

The City Council considered a resolution calling on legislators at the state and federal levels to sponsor gun safety legislation. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.”

A friendly amendment was made to the fourth Whereas clause of the resolution, with approval of the mover and seconder, as follows: “WHEREAS, ~~our~~ current federal, and state and local legislation has not prevented the mass shooting events ~~legislators have failed to provide sensible gun safety legislation;~~”

A friendly amendment was made to the first Be It Further Resolved clause of the resolution, with approval of the mover and seconder, as follows: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eau Claire calls on local legislators at the state and federal levels to sponsor sensible gun safety legislation, including universal background checks, reasonable waiting periods, uniform concealed carry regulations, closing loopholes in private or gun show sales, and increased funding for awareness and treatment of mental health issues ~~a 48-hour waiting period, and annual certification, training and insurance requirements for anyone wishing to carry a firearm in public, either open or concealed.~~”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to amend the resolution” by striking the following: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eau Claire opposes state preemption laws which prevent municipalities from creating local gun safety policies to protect residents and law enforcement.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution as amended.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

VOTING WARDS

The City Council considered a resolution creating a new voting ward within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The Council considered a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET NAME CHANGE

The Council considered an ordinance changing the name of New York Avenue to Cassie Court, from Boardwalk Street to east end (approximately 212 feet). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CONVERSION THERAPY PROHIBITED

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating Chapter 8.08, entitled “Conversion Therapy Prohibited”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

PUBLIC EXCESSIVE INTOXICATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating section 9.52.045 entitled “Public Excessive Intoxication”, creating section 9.36.015 entitled “Community Nuisance”, amending section 1.24.030 entitled “Deposit Schedule”, and amending section 9.36.020 entitled “Violation – Penalty” of the City Code of Ordinances.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 302 West Grand Avenue from RM to RM-P (File Z-1633-18).

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance in accordance with Section 66.0217 Wisconsin Statutes, annexing to the City of Eau Claire and particularly to the 14th Assessment Ward, 4th Aldermanic District, being a part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 14-27-10, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 18-3A (Prissel Petition).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Gragert “that this meeting does now adjourn without objection.” Said motion passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: September 25, 2018

Time: 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrew F. Werthmann
Vice President/Acting President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk